

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
OHIO POWER COMPANY FOR AUTHORITY
TO ESTABLISH A STANDARD SERVICE
OFFER PURSUANT TO R.C. 4928.143, IN
THE FORM OF AN ELECTRIC SECURITY
PLAN.**

CASE NO. 13-2385-EL-SSO

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
OHIO POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL
OF CERTAIN ACCOUNTING AUTHORITY.**

CASE NO. 13-2386-EL-AAM

FIFTH ENTRY ON REHEARING

Entered in the Journal on January 4, 2017

I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} The Commission grants the applications for rehearing of the November 3, 2016 Fourth Entry on Rehearing for the purpose of further consideration of the matters specified in the applications for rehearing.

II. DISCUSSION

{¶ 2} Ohio Power Company d/b/a AEP Ohio (AEP Ohio) is an electric distribution utility as defined in R.C. 4928.01(A)(6) and a public utility as defined in R.C. 4905.02, and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

{¶ 3} R.C. 4928.141 provides that an electric distribution utility shall provide consumers within its certified territory a standard service offer (SSO) of all competitive retail electric services necessary to maintain essential electric services to customers, including a firm supply of electric generation services. The SSO may be either a market rate offer in accordance with R.C. 4928.142 or an electric security plan (ESP) in accordance with R.C. 4928.143.

{¶ 4} On December 20, 2013, AEP Ohio filed, pursuant to R.C. 4928.143, an application for an ESP for the period of June 1, 2015, through May 31, 2018.

{¶ 5} On February 25, 2015, the Commission issued its Opinion and Order, approving AEP Ohio's proposed ESP, with certain modifications.

{¶ 6} R.C. 4903.10 states that any party who has entered an appearance in a Commission proceeding may apply for a rehearing with respect to any matters determined therein by filing an application within 30 days after the entry of the order upon the Commission's journal.

{¶ 7} On April 22, 2015, the Commission issued an Entry on Rehearing, granting rehearing for further consideration of the matters specified in the applications for rehearing filed with respect to the February 25, 2015 Opinion and Order.

{¶ 8} By Second Entry on Rehearing dated May 28, 2015, the Commission granted, in part, and denied, in part, the applications for rehearing filed with respect to the February 25, 2015 Opinion and Order. The Commission, however, deferred ruling on the assignments of error related to AEP Ohio's power purchase agreement (PPA) rider, which was approved in the February 25, 2015 Opinion and Order as a placeholder rider set at zero.

{¶ 9} By Third Entry on Rehearing dated July 22, 2015, the Commission granted rehearing for further consideration of the matters specified in the applications for rehearing filed with respect to the May 28, 2015 Second Entry on Rehearing.

{¶ 10} On November 3, 2016, the Commission issued a Fourth Entry on Rehearing, granting, in part, and denying, in part, the applications for rehearing filed with respect to the May 28, 2015 Second Entry on Rehearing, as well as denying the

assignments of error regarding the PPA rider that were raised in the applications for rehearing of the February 25, 2015 Opinion and Order.

{¶ 11} On December 5, 2016, the Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC) and the Ohio Manufacturers' Association Energy Group (OMAEG) filed applications for rehearing of the November 3, 2016 Fourth Entry on Rehearing. AEP Ohio filed a memorandum contra the applications for rehearing on December 15, 2016.

{¶ 12} The Commission believes that sufficient reason has been set forth by OCC and OMAEG to warrant further consideration of the matters specified in the applications for rehearing. Accordingly, the applications for rehearing filed by OCC and OMAEG should be granted.

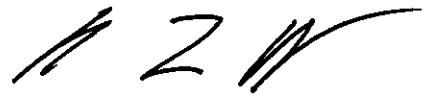
III. ORDER

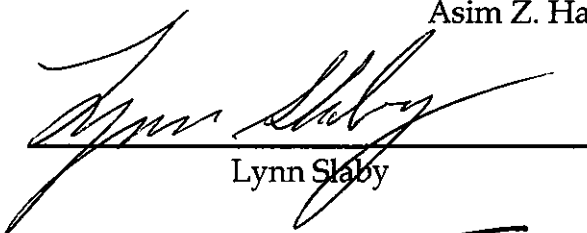
{¶ 13} It is, therefore,

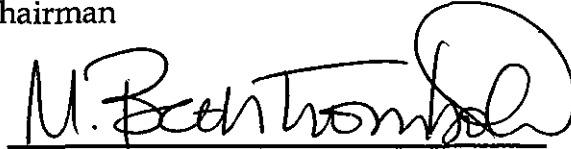
{¶ 14} ORDERED, That the applications for rehearing filed by OCC and OMAEG be granted for further consideration of the matters specified in the applications for rehearing. It is, further,

{¶ 15} ORDERED, That a copy of this Fifth Entry on Rehearing be served upon all parties of record.

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